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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE MEDIA REQUEST

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1. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES WE MUST SORT OUT WITH THE FRENCH AND THE RISKS OF CONFLICTING PUBLIC LINES IS GREAT. IT IS OUR AIM TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH THE FRENCH ON SUNDAY AND HOPEFULLY TO ESTABLISH A COMMON LINE, WHICH ALL COULD USE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY.
2. THUS, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO MEET WITH THE PRESS UNTIL AFTER THE MONDAY MEETING. TELL THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THAT OUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT THE MEETING THEY DESIRE.
3. ALSO LET THE APPROPRIATE FRENCH AUTHORITIES KNOW WHAT

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OUR POSITION IS VIS A VIS THE PRESS AND TRY TO GET THEIR AGREEMENT TO A LIKE POSITION. REPORT GOF REACTION TO THIS APPROACH. CHRISTOPHER

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